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SIGNAL CORPS WORK.

Remarkable System of Telegraph Established in the Philippines.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

MANILA, March 15.—The signal corps of our army in the Philippines, Colonel Allen at present commanding, have in operation today 1,551 miles of wire in Luzon and the Visayas. They have established 160 telegraph offices and with a total muster of 331 men and 21 officers this department handles 135,000 messages a month, the messages containing from twenty to a thousand words each.

This 1,551 miles of wire was first laid in the wake of our advancing soldiers, thus keeping our firing line in communication with corps headquarters in Manila. Then, when time permitted, the light copper wire used for quick running during marches and fighting was replaced by an iron wire on temporary poles and eventually this second wire was replaced by heavy iron wire well strung on poles.

Thus the 1,551 miles of wire has actually been laid three times. Our army on July 31, of last year, had but 125 miles of wire in operation and during the months of August, September, October and November 320 more miles were added to this original 125. During December, 1899, the signal corps set up 415 miles of wire, during January, 1900, 402 miles and during February 235 miles, these figures giving the total distance in operation today. The central office of this entire system is, of course, in Manila, where eight trunk lines converge and preparations are making to receive four more trunk lines this month.

There is a commercial cable from Manila to Ilo Ilo on Panay, from Ilo Ilo to Negros island and from Negros to the island of Cebu. Our wires in the Visayan islands amount to 120 miles. From Ilo Ilo we have a line to Capiz through the interior and then to Iloilo. On Negros we have lines north and south to Manilla and Zamboanga respectively.

On Cebu we have a line from Cebu, the capital, to the interior of the town of Karikat. Not far from Cebu are the islands of Samar and Leyte, recently occupied by the Forty-third under Colonel Murray; these latter islands will be placed in communication with Manila by running a cable from Cebu to the island of Bohol, then a land wire across Bohol, and a cable to Leyte and land wires to the principal towns therefrom. From Leyte the line will get to Samar by cable across the narrow straits of San Juanito and in Samar it will run as far north as the town of Calbayog. This new branch will be about 250 miles long.

With the idea of eventually placing the island of Mindanao in communication with the corps headquarters in Manila a cable will be laid from the southern end of Cebu island to the northern shore of Mindanao. From the landing point on Mindanao wires will be run to Cotabato, Iligan, Misamis and Nakajalar Bay. This projection will require about 300 more miles of wire.

There are 1,451 miles of wire on Luzon and the island is thoroughly well covered. From the twelve trunk lines there are many ramifications running into practically every town where we have garrisons. In Manila itself the signal corps operate a single system of wires for the use of the several governmental departments here located, as well as an official telephone system. The signal corps has had, and is still having, much difficulty in securing good telegraph operators. A good operator can do pretty well at home and this service in the Philippines is not attractive enough to draw good men from good positions in the United States.

IMPORTANT NAVAL PROGRAM.

Newport Will Be the Scene of a Big Demonstration This Summer.

NEWPORT, R. I., April 20.—Word comes from Washington that Newport is to be a center of naval importance during the coming summer and the plans of the navy department, although not fully matured, are well enough advanced to give an outline of

the naval program so far as Newport is concerned.

The North Atlantic squadron will come here during June to allow the officers to attend the sessions at the war college, which will begin during the latter part of that month, with a large class from the navy, six officers from the army, two from the revenue marine service and probably two officers of foreign navies. The fleet will put to practical tests some of the problems of defense which have been prepared at the war college during the winter and spring by the president, Captain C. H. Stockton, and the faculty.

The war in South Africa and the defenses of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts will be among the subjects and some of the leading specialists in this country will be heard. The torpedo flotilla is to be sent here and a class of officers will have a practical course in torpedoes and torpedo boat work, with the co-operation of the North Atlantic squadron. The course will cover all branches of the work including attacks upon the fleet at night with torpedo boats and attacks on the torpedo station at night, the station being defended by a searchlight.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Important Treaties Negotiated by the Administration for that Purpose.

NEW YORK, April 20.—A special to the Times from Washington, says:

A report is in circulation that the president is about to send to the senate treaties with Costa Rica and Nicaragua by which the latter countries propose to cede to the United States a strip of territory five miles in width on each side of the proposed canal where it is constructed on the border between Costa Rica and Nicaragua and a similar area when it is wholly in Nicaragua. In the absence of the president and the secretary of state and of admitted knowledge in the state department, it is difficult to verify the report. Neither the representatives of Costa Rica nor of Nicaragua will confirm the report, but it is not denied that a proposition has been considered which if adopted would give the United States government power to protect a canal built under circumstances suggested in such a concession. The United States would have the right to police the canal, Nicaragua and Costa Rica would be permitted to move troops across the neutral strip, but neither country would be permitted to place fortifications upon it or engage in military operations on the grounds described as neutral. But the United States would be authorized to place troops on the territory ceded in sufficient numbers to protect the canal; together with barracks, store houses and material necessary to military operations.

The treaties will, it is further reported, guarantee the neutrality of the canal to the shipping world.

WILL NOT OPPOSE BRYAN.

But New York Democrats Demand Uninstructed Delegation to National Convention.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The democratic state committee will meet at the Hoffman House at noon today for the purpose of naming a time and place for holding the state convention to elect four delegates at large to the national convention at Kansas City. Frank Campbell, chairman of the committee, said that the convention would be held probably in this city about the first week in June. It is said that Mr. Croker will join hands with Ex-Senator Hill to send an uninstructed delegation to Kansas City. The leaders who declare for an uninstructed delegation disclaim, however, any hostility to Mr. Bryan. A large element of the delegation from up the state wants the delegates instructed and it is likely that there will be a clash in the convention.

There was a gathering of prominent state democrats at the Hoffman House last night. Ex-Senator Hill, Ex-Senator Murphy, Frank Campbell, chairman of the state committee; Elliot Danforth

and other prominent democrats had a long talk there in the course of the evening. Mr. Hill would not talk but his attitude is well known. As to Admiral Dewey's aspirations, he has told his friends that Dewey is too late by at least six months. He is now, so he declared, ready to support Mr. Bryan and will be with Bryan this fall, the politicians say. His present plan, so it is declared, is to make a fight to have the platform to be adopted at the national convention drawn up on lines which will be somewhat of a recession from the radical platform of 1898, so that all democrats can support it. For this reason he wants an uninstructed delegation, as seventy-two unpledged votes in the convention will be potent in making combinations looking towards the drafting of a satisfactory platform.

Frank Campbell, chairman of the state committee said last night in referring to the fact that the state convention would not be held until about June 5.

There is no need for an early convention. We have been accused of letting things drift but we are following the usual programme of presidential years. In 1898 the state convention was held early in June, and the national convention early in July. It will be the same this year. I think the convention will be held in this city. The party would be hurt more now by dropping Bryan than it could possibly hope to gain from the opposition. So what is the use of going to useless trouble. It is true that the state convention will probably send an uninstructed delegation to Kansas City, but that means simply that New York is following a precedent when it has no candidate of its own. The delegates will vote for Mr. Bryan. The democrats have an excellent chance this fall. The people of the country have been studying the national administration and they cannot be scared into voting for McKinley again by the free silver bugaboo. The people know that the cry of financial disaster is a dead issue and instead there is the alarming growth of trusts, the president's Philippine policy and the Puerto Rican tariff question. The democrats are awake to the issue and there is none of the apathy in the country there was in 1898, and whether Bryan is nominated or not the democrats will put up a lively fight this year.

Even if the 16 to 1 plank were put in the platform at the coming national convention, Mr. Campbell said, there would be no bolting and every delegate would accept the action of the convention.

HIGH HANDED PROCEEDINGS.

"Employment" Officers Arrested for Extortion and Robbery.

CHICAGO, April 20.—J. H. Smith, president of an organization styled the Industrial Trades Union, at 151-153 Michigan Avenue, was arrested last night charged with robbery and disorderly conduct on a warrant issued by Justice Martin, on complaint of Frank Gustavson, a carpenter. Gustavson says he was summoned to the offices of the union by a letter asking him to accept a position over a number of carpenters. Gustavson said that after conversing with Smith a few minutes, Smith drew a revolver and told him to throw up his hands. Smith, he said, then went through his pockets and took \$48 and some valuable papers and told him he would shoot him unless he kept his mouth shut. Two men, both of whom were stars, placed Gustavson under arrest, he declares, obeying Smith's command. The alleged officers, Gustavson says, then took him into a hallway where they made him sign a paper, the contents of which he was unable to read. The alleged officers, Gustavson said, gave him a dollar after he had signed the paper and told him to leave. Gustavson then reported the matter to the central police station. Smith at the station said he had never before seen Gustavson. He will have a hearing this afternoon.

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One Being Built Especially for the Tillamook Trade.

Portland Telegram. Joe Supple, the boatbuilder, has commenced the construction of a new steam schooner for the canneryman, Sam Elmore, of Astoria, which is to be placed on the run between Astoria and Tillamook, displacing the Harrison. The vessel will be 100 feet long, 24 feet wide and 9 feet deep. The machinery is being constructed by the Willamette Iron Works, of this city, and the engines will be of the latest pattern. The boat will be provided with a surface condenser and 4 1/2 compound engines. Steam hoists will be furnished for the handling of heavy freight, etc. Passenger accommodations will be ample and attractive, and the steamer will be lighted with electricity. Supple has agreed to complete the boat by June 20.

A GOOD NOMINATION.

St. Helens, Miss. Mr. Harrison Allen, of Astoria, whom the republican convention saw fit to nominate for the office of district attorney for the Fifth judicial district, including Columbia, Clatsop, Clackamas and Washington counties, is an attorney of long standing and a wide personal acquaintance throughout the district, especially in Clatsop and Columbia counties. We predict for him a large majority in the district.

ANOTHER COMBINE FORMED.

This Time It is an Octopus to Throttle the Poor Consumers of Steel Bridges.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The American Bridge Company, incorporated at Trenton a few days ago, with a nominal capital of \$100,000 which will be increased to \$75,000,000, of which \$30,000,000 shall be 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock and \$45,000,000 common, is said to include most of the prominent steel bridge manufacturing companies of the country. It is reported that J. P. Morgan & Co. are to finance the consolidation, the negotiations for which were started about a year ago.

NEW CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION.

Designed to Guard Interests of the Church Along Educational Lines.

CHICAGO, April 20.—The representatives of Catholic colleges of America and Canada, who have been holding a two days' session in this city, before adjourning last night adopted articles of association under the name of the "Association of Catholic Colleges of the United States." The objects of the association, it was announced, were to be the interchange of ideas and information on all college matters, the guarding of Catholic interests in case of any proposed legislation as to collegiate education and the furtherance of Catholic college interests generally.

JAPANESE SENT BACK.

Party of Immigrants Excluded at San Francisco Under Contract Labor Law.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Thirty-three Japanese contract laborers who arrived here about two weeks ago on the Baglan King must return to Japan on the next steamer of the Santa Fe line leaving this port. Their sentence of deportation imposed by Immigration Commissioner H. H. North has been confirmed in Washington and the ruling is final. The examination of the 34 Japanese immigrants who came in on the Nippon Maru has begun.

PROMINENT WOMAN DEAD.

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DUNN'S WEEKLY REPORT.

The Iron Market Shows Some Signs of Weakening.

NEW YORK, April 20.—R. G. Dunn & Company's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: The formal reduction of \$5 per ton in the prices of plates and bars and the closing of the mills by the American Steel & Wire Company have filled the week with surprises. In the stock market and in the market for steel and iron products many changes have begun and the end cannot well be foreseen.

Apart from the disturbances in speculation there has been produced a measure of distrust regarding the prices that are maintained by the great combinations which may for the present tend to deter buying.

WHAT MISS BARTON SAYS.

The Men Who Deserted the Red Cross Will Not Be Held "Guiltless."

CHICAGO, April 20.—The Tribune says: Miss Clara Barton, president of the American National Red Cross Association, was asked by the Tribune for an expression of opinion regarding the story that members of the Chicago Red Cross Association had torn off their Red Cross badges upon their arrival at Pretoria and taken up arms for the Boer. She sent the following answer: "Washington, April 19.—If this report be true these men have practiced gross deception, broken a pledge and violated a confidence which they sought. The human world will not hold them guiltless. CLARA BARTON."

A DOUBLE DIVORCE.

Both Earl Russell and His Wife Obtain Decrees.

RENO, Nev., April 20.—It has been learned that both Earl Russell and Mrs. Somerville, nee Mollie Cook, who were married on Saturday last were granted divorces on Saturday by Judge C. E. Mackin, the district court at Reno, in this state. Mrs. Somerville charged her husband with extreme cruelty. It is understood that Earl Russell alleged desertion in his complaint.

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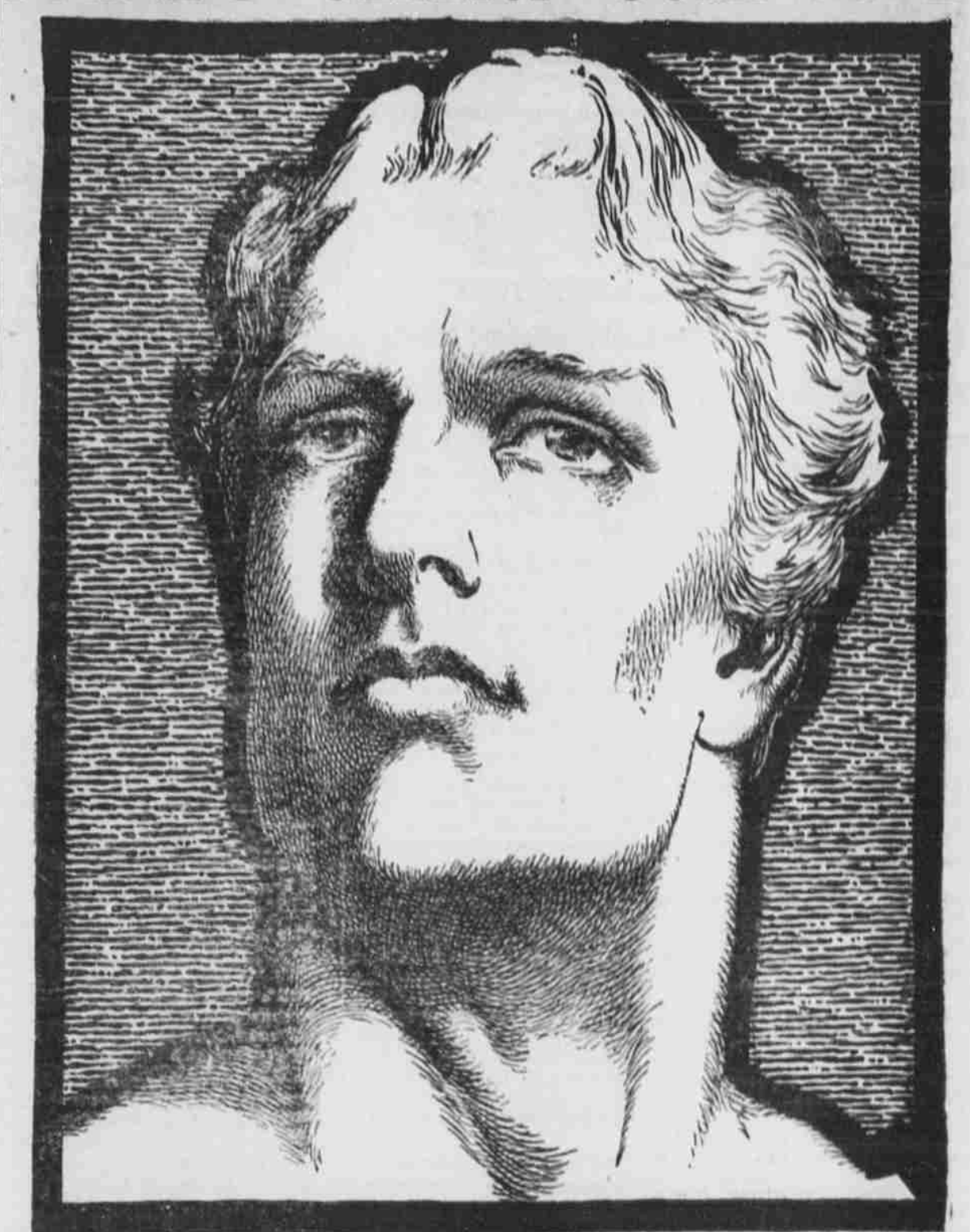
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PAIN'S CELERY COMPOUND



KEEPS NERVE AND AMBITION STRONG

REV. FRED PFEIFER, SEDALIA, MO., Writes: "My nervous system was entirely broken down by overwork. I could not eat nor sleep. For four months I was in the hospital, but without any decided benefit. At last, I purchased a bottle of Paine's Celery Compound, and soon felt its wonderful curative effects. Four bottles of the Compound restored me to health and strength; I am now ambitious to work, have a good appetite, and sleep well." There is no strength and ambition to work when the nerves and body are weak or diseased. Paine's Celery Compound sustains the strength of the nerves and of the stomach, liver and kidneys.

CURRENT COMMENT There is a pauper in New Jersey who is 125 years old. It is still hardest to get rid of the things people can't use.

STEPHEN CRANE SAYS EDWIN MARKHAM IS THE GREATEST MAN AMERICA HAS EVER PRODUCED. EDWIN MUST HAVE PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR STEPHEN SOMEWHERE.

THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE TALKING OF WEBSTER DAVIS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT ARE PROBABLY FRIGHTENED BECAUSE HE PROPOSES TO LECTURE, AND WANT TO GET HIM OUT OF THE WAY.

DEWEY SAYS THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT IS "NOT SUCH A VERY DIFFICULT ONE TO FILL." WELL, IT MIGHTN'T BE FOR A MAN WHOSE WIFE COULD OPEN THE MAIL, RECEIVE CALLERS AND PRESIDE AT THE CABINET MEETINGS.

A CONNECTICUT FARMER IS GOING TO BUILD A GARDEN OF EDEN ON HIS PLACE. THE NAME OF THE LADY WHO IS TO PLAY EVE TO HIS ADAM HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN OUT, BUT WHOEVER SHE MAY BE LET US HOPE THAT SHE WILL NOT SHOW A LACK OF BREEDING BY WEARING A LOW-NECKED DRESS WITH A LONG TRAIN AT BREAKFAST.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS. Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

Table listing voter registration counts for various precincts in Astoria, Oregon, including Astoria Precinct No. 1 through 14, John Day Precinct, and other areas like Swenson, Wallucki, New Astoria, Warrenton, Clatsop, Seaside, Melville, Chidwell, Youngs River, Olney, Knappa, Clifton, Westport, Yessop, Jewell, Mishawaka, Elsie, and Push.

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